The sales turnover of Super Bazar during 1990-91 was 9925.24 lakhs (provisional). The final results for 1990-91 will be known after the completion of audit.

(e) To improve the working of Super Bazar, financial assistance is being provided through plan schemes for modernisation, renovation, computerisations and automation in field of packing of groceries, grinding of spices and maintenance of accounts etc.

Research on malaria by Central Drug Research Institute

116. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Drug Research Institute (CDRI), Lucknow has entered into an agreement with U.S. National Institute of Health (N.I.H.) for a three years research project on malaria; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per the agreement, Central Drug Research Institute (CDRI), Lucknow and National Institute of Health (N.I.H.) shall jointly work on the project on "Role of interferons/ lymphokines in protection against malaria in rhesus monkey". The work involves study on the prophylactic efficacy of lymphokines and immunomodulators in providing protection against malaria. The project does not involve field studies or clinical studies on human beings. The project is being supported with a grant of Rs. 82.44 lakh from the U.S. held Rupee fund in India and is for a period of 3 years. The project has been cleared by the Ministry of External Affairs.

Export target of Defence Department

117. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 167 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 25th July, 1991 and state:

(a) what are the reasons for the gap between export target and achievements of the Defence Department and the steps proposed by Government to fill up the gap;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to appoint agents for export of defence equipments; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) Exports by Defence Production Units in 1990-91 were lower than the target mainly as a result of disruptions in the Middle East market during that year. The target for 1991-92 has been enhanced.

(b) and (c) Defence exports are undertaken by the respective production agencies who utilise the services of agents for export of specific products depending on the marketing needs in the target countries.

Utilisation of Rozgar Funds

118. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state what is the monitoring machinery available with Government to ensure proper utilisation of Rozgar funds disbursed to various Panchayats?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): In addition to normal checks and safeguards in vogue in the Panchayat Codes and Audit through Examiner of Local Funds and Accountant General.

—The physical and financial progress is monitored through Monthly,

Quarterly and Annual Progress Reports by the Government of India.

—State Level Co-ordination Committees which have a representative of the Ministry of Rural Development review the implementation of the programme as often as necessary.

For qualitative monitoring, officers of the State Headquarters visit districts regularly for ensuring that the programme is being implemented satisfactorily.

—Officers of the District, Sub-division and Block level also closely monitor all aspects of the programme through visits to the work-sites.

—Schedule of inspection prescribing minimum number of field visits for each supervisory level functionary is drawn up by the State Governments and required to be strictly adhered to.

Special provisions for monitoring of J.R.Y.

Implementation of the programme has been made more open and transparent as the following provisions of Central guidelines would show:

(i) Display of details of funds available, schemes financed, employment generated and wages paid on a prominent wall in the village is required to be made.

(ii) Panchayat is required to inform village assembly regarding JRY activities at each of its meetings.

(iii) Panchayat meetings are required to be held every month on a fixed date, time and place to consider JRY implementation. These meetings are open to any member of the village.

Availability of consumer items through Fair Price Shops

119. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the action Government propose to take to supply flour, sugar, cement, pulses, edible oil, and exercise-books to the consumers through the Fair Price Shops at cheaper rates?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): The Central Government makes available key essential commodities such as rice, wheat, levy sugar, imported edible oil, kerosene and soft coke to the State Governments/UT Administrations for supply under the Public Distribution System (PDS) to the consumers. The State Governments have also been advised to include additional items of mass consumption such as salt, tea, soaps, exercise books etc. for supply to the consumers by using PDS outlets etc.

Safe drinking water in villages during 1991-92

120. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state to answer to Unstarred Question 659 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 25th July, 1991 and state the details of the scheme for providing safe drinking water in the villages for the year 1991-92?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): The target for 1991-92 includes 2509 'No Source' problem villages and 43183 partially covered/other villages. These villages will be provided safe drinking water facilities under the State sector Minimum Needs Programme, Centrally Sponsored Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme and Mini Mission projects. On-going schemes of installation of iron removal plants, defluoridation plants, desalination plants, eradication of guineaworm, setting up of district level stationary/mobile laboratories etc. will also be implemented for completion.

Financial outlay for 1991-92 for the proposed physical achievement is Rs. 694.603 crores by the States/Union Territories under the Minimum Needs Programme and Rs. 758 crores under the National Drinking Water Mission including the Centrally Sponsored Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme.